

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1141

Approved by the Governor April 10, 2012

Introduced by McGill, 26.

FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 55-157 and 81-1170.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to reimbursement of travel expenses for Nebraska National Guard members as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 55-157, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

55-157 (1) When an active or retired officer or enlisted person of the National Guard is ordered to active service of the state by the Governor or Adjutant General, he or she shall receive compensation as provided in this subsection. For service during a disaster or emergency, an officer or enlisted person shall be entitled to the same pay, subsistence, and quarters allowance as officers and enlisted personnel of corresponding grades of the Army and Air Force of the United States and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with the Joint Federal Travel Regulations. For advice, counsel, duties, or service to the Governor or Adjutant General, an officer or enlisted person may, at the discretion of the Adjutant General, be in a pay or nonpay status. If in a pay status, the officer or enlisted person shall be entitled to the same pay, subsistence, and quarters allowance as officers and enlisted personnel of corresponding grades of the Army and Air Force of the United States and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with the Joint Federal Travel Regulations.

(2) For any period of active service of the state in excess of thirty consecutive days, performed at the order of the Governor or Adjutant General or at the request of the federal government, a state, or other agency or entity, an officer or enlisted person shall be entitled to reimbursement of one hundred percent of the cost of his or her privately purchased health insurance or up to one hundred two percent of the cost of his or her employer-provided health insurance. The officer or enlisted person shall provide evidence of payment and shall be reimbursed to the extent that evidence of payment can be provided. The reimbursement for health insurance shall be treated as an allowance but may be paid separately once received by the State of Nebraska from the federal government, a state, or other agency or entity requesting the services of the officer or enlisted person. The State of Nebraska will not pay or advance the cost of such health insurance reimbursement for the federal government, a state, or other agency or entity. The State of Nebraska is exempt from the requirement under this subsection to reimburse officers and enlisted persons for their health insurance costs.

Sec. 2. Section 81-1170.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-1170.01 All requests of whatever nature upon the treasury of this state, before any warrant is drawn for the payment of the same, shall be examined, adjusted, and approved by the Department of Administrative Services. All such requests shall be presented to the Director of Administrative Services with such documentation as required in the Nebraska Accounting System Manual on file with the Clerk of the Legislature and shall be audited and settled within two years after the request accrues. No warrants shall be drawn for any request until an appropriation has been made therefor. No warrant for any request for payment or reimbursement of any mileage or other traveling expense shall be issued unless the same is computed strictly in accordance with sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 except as otherwise provided in section 55-157.

Sec. 3. Original sections 55-157 and 81-1170.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.